



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Medicare Program; Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive Payment Advisory for Clinicians – Request for Current Billing Information for Qualifying APM Participants

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Payment advisory.

SUMMARY: This advisory is to alert certain clinicians who are Qualifying APM participants (QPs) and eligible to receive an Alternative Payment Model (APM) Incentive Payment that CMS does not have the current billing information needed to disburse the payment. This advisory provides information to these clinicians on how to update their billing information to receive this payment.

DATES: Updated billing information must be received no later than September 1, 2023 (see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for details).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under the Medicare Quality Payment Program, an eligible clinician who participates in an Advanced Alternative Payment Model (APM) and meets the applicable payment amount or patient count thresholds for a performance year is a Qualifying APM Participant (QP) for that year. For payment years 2019 through 2024, which corresponds to Performance Periods for 2017 through 2022, an eligible clinician who is a QP for a year based on their performance in a QP Performance Period earns a 5 percent lump sum APM Incentive Payment that is paid in a

payment year that occurs 2 years after the QP Performance Period. The amount of the APM Incentive Payment is equal to 5 percent of the estimated aggregate paid amounts for covered professional services furnished by the QP during the calendar year immediately preceding the payment year.

II. Provisions of the Advisory

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has identified those eligible clinicians who earned an APM Incentive Payment for the calendar year (CY) 2023 payment year based on their QP status for the 2021 QP performance period.

When CMS disbursed the CY 2023 APM Incentive Payments, CMS was unable to verify current Medicare billing information for some QPs and was therefore unable to issue payment. In order to successfully disburse the APM Incentive Payment, CMS is requesting assistance in identifying current Medicare billing information for these QPs in accordance with 42 CFR 414.1450(c)(8).

CMS has compiled a list of QPs we have identified as having unverified billing information. These QPs, and any others who anticipated receiving an APM Incentive Payment but have not, should follow the instructions to provide CMS with updated billing information at the following web address: <https://qpp.cms.gov/resources/resource-library>.

If you have any questions concerning submission of information through the website, please contact the Quality Payment Program Help Desk at 1-866-288-8292.

All submissions must be received no later than September 1, 2023. After that time, any claims to an APM Incentive Payment for the CY 2023 payment period based on an eligible clinicians' QP status for the 2021 QP performance period will be forfeited.

All submissions received by September 1, 2023, will be processed together on one date as soon as practicable after September 1, 2023. CMS will not notify the submitter if we are unable to process the APM Incentive Payment based on the billing information submitted for an eligible clinician.

The Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Evell J. Barco Holland, who is the Federal Register Liaison, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

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